

If not, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Now, back to the bill. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 39 is a bill to assist in avoiding overweight axles and, therefore, providing greater damage to the roads and shortening the life span for which they are designed. In practice what it does is on a fifth wheel they can and need to be able to be moved for purposes of hitching the tractor or the unit to the trailer. But they also can be moved, while they are on the road, shifting the weight all of the front axle and putting all of the weight on the drive axles, the result being that those drive axles then become overloaded and they are carrying a weight greater than what the highways are designed to carry by that axle. What the bill does is just merely prohibits the shifting of that weight while they are on the roads themselves. I understand that those who... individuals who may misuse the law as it now is would shift the load prior to going across the scale, so they are legal, and then when they get away from the scale they shift the load back again, and then the axles are overweight and the highway damage occurs. So, I think it will correct the problem that can occur, does occur, and will result in the reduction in the cost of the maintenance of roads. I would move its adoption... advancement.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Move on to LB 133, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 133 was a bill offered by Senator Warner. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 9 for the first time, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.